

What Your Library Can Do

Try these ideas to promote family health history in your library. Be creative and let your patrons know how easy, fun, and important family health history is!

- Make a bulletin board display with the enclosed materials or genetic-related books and videos/DVDs



- Add a link from your library's Web Site to the Genomics Program Web Site (www.health.utah.gov/genomics)
- Start a club for patrons interested in family health history
- Work with your local family history center to teach classes on how to collect family health history and genealogy (Find your local family history center at www.familysearch.org.)
- Submit the newsletter example to your local newspaper
- Hold a *Tell Us Your Story!* contest in your community
- Teach a class on family health history using the "Family Health History: Knowing your past can protect your future" PowerPoint presentation (if you would like an electronic version, contact the Genomics Program at genomics@utah.gov)
- Ask a local genealogist or health care provider to teach a class on family health history (why it is important/how to collect it)
- Hold a movie night at the library: Watch a genetics-related movie (e.g. Gattaca, The Island, Island of Dr. Moreau, Multiplicity) and then bring in an expert to "debunk" the genetic myths
- Focus family health history around a holiday or summer family reunions (e.g. DNA Day celebrated every April 25th, Thanksgiving Day, or Valentines Day: Show your loved ones you care - share your family health history)
- Hold a "Highlight your Ancestor" contest for youth
- Display a family health history preferred reading list around the library
- Download fact sheets from our Web Site and post them around the library
- Post a list of family history resources as well as the hours and locations of local family history centers